✓ --<u>**BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**</u>--

Page 4, between lines 10 and 11, insert:

✓--<u>**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**</u>--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please insure that claim 10 has been <u>cancelled</u> as requested in the applicant's second preliminary amendment dated June 7, 2001.

Please substitute the following amended claims 1-9 for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

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1.   (Amended) A method for synchronizing data between a receiving computer and a sending computer, wherein the sending computer has a source file and the receiving computer has a reference file and the receiving and sending computers are coupled for communication therebetween by way of a communications link or network, the method comprising:

i)   arranging the source file at the sending computer into a sequence of data blocks, each block comprising a predetermined number of contiguous data units, and computing a source key value for each block in the source file;

ii)   transmitting the source key values from the sending computer to the receiving computer;

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